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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN- CHILEAN RELATIONS

1. ALL MARCH 28 LA PAZ NEWSPAPERS HEADLINED FONMIN MARIO GUTIERREZ' POLICY STATEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF RENEWING BOLIVIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE. GUTIERREZ STATED THAT BOLIVIA CANNOT RE-NEW RELATIONS WITH CHILE WHILE THE CONDITIONS WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT THE BREAK IN RELATIONS IN 1962 CONTINUE; I. E., THE RIO LAUCA ISSUE.

2. THE MINISTER READ A BROAD POLICY STATEMENT WHICH TRACED THE MORE RECENT ANTECEDENTS OF BOLIVIA'S AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN "DIRECT UNCONDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS" WITH CHILE TO STUDY THEIR RELATIONS WITHIN THE ANDEAN PACT. THE STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS WERE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR BOLIVIA'S DEMAND FOR A PACIFIC PORT BUT WERE AN EXPRESSION OF THE NEED FOR INTEGRATION FELT BY MOST LATIN AMERICAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT ARTICLE 4 OF THE TREATY OF CARTEGENA, WHICH STATES THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE ANDEAN PACT SHOULD SEEK TO DIMINISH THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF BOLIVIA'S LANDLOCKED STATUS, DOES NOT SATISFY THE TRADITIONAL ASPIRATIONS OF BOLIVIA.

3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN AMPLE PRESS SPECULATION THE LAST FEW WEEKS ABOUT BOLIVIAN- CHILEAN RELATIONS (OR LACK THEREOF) GENERATED BY THE SC MEETING IN PANAMA AND AYORA
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